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**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 12-17-01 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's response is incomplete to the extent that Applicant's intended to supplement their arguments with the Riechman *et al.* (Science 290:2105 (2000)) reference, see page 4, first paragraph of the response filed 12-17-01. Applicant's response did not include a copy of this reference. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L Epps whose telephone number is 703-308-8883. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, Thurs-Friday 8:30AM to 6:00 PM.

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